

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 137599
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY EA/TIMBS:DLFIELD:EVC
APPROVED BY EA:RBOAKLEY
EA/TIMBS:REFRITTS
S/NM:RMGIBSON
S/S:TMARTIN

-----028960 312232Z /70

P 311939Z MAY 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON PRIORITY

S E C R E T STATE 137599

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS - 1,2

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: UTILIZATION OF INC-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT

REF: A) RANGOON 1927; B) STATE 132712; C) RANGOON 1808;
D) STATE 118181

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL (A)
AND HOPES FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS ARE USEFUL:

A) WHILE IT IS, OF COURSE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF HEIGHTENED
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN END-USE OF INC-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT
THAT WE ARE REQUESTING MORE DETAILED INFORMATION FROM THE
GUB, NEITHER OUR AGREEMENT NOR THE CONGRESS FORMALLY
REQUIRED END-USE DOCUMENTATION. WHAT WE SEEK, THEREFORE,
IS OBTAINING THE FULLEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION ON UTILIZA-
TION WITHOUT GOING TO SUCH LENGTHS AS TO JEOPARDIZE GUB

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 137599

RECEPTIVITY AND RESPONSIVENESS. THIS IS A DELICATE
PROCESS AND THE DISTINCTION IN PARA (1) OF REFTEL (B) MAY
HAVE BEEN OVERLY SUBTLE.

B. THE HIRC REPORT REFERRED TO IN REFTEL (A) IS THE EAST
ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT TO THE HIRC
ON THE FY 1979 INC AUTHORIZATION BILL (SEE REFTEL B).

THE FINAL LANGUAGE HAS BEEN INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT THE

SUBCOMMITTEE EXPECTS BETTER UTILIZATION INFORMATION FOR
INC-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT WORLDWIDE RPT WORLDWIDE. IT IS
NOT DIRECTED SOLELY AT BURMA.

C. THE BURMESE RESPONSE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF
REFTEL (A) IS THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE LETTER TO
U SHWE THAN. WE ASSUME THE EMBASSY WILL COMPARE ANY
INFORMATION GUB PROVIDES WITH THAT ALREADY AVAILABLE FROM
OTHER SOURCES. WE WILL HAVE TO DECIDE ON THE BASIS OF
CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION WHETHER OR NOT GUB RESPONSE
MEETS OUR REASONABLE NEEDS.

D. REPRESENTATIONS ON POSSIBLE MISUSE OF INC-PROVIDED
EQUIPMENT MAY BE NEEDED BASED ON PLAUSIBLE REPORTS FROM
EXTERNAL SOURCES AND/OR EMBASSY INFORMATION. IF THE EMBASSY
BELIEVES SUCH AN APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE, WE WILL CONSIDER
EACH ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. SIMILARLY, IF THE DEPT
FEELS IT IS REQUIRED, WE WILL PROPOSE THAT THE EMBASSY
MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GUB.

E. PASSIVE IS A MIS-NOMER. PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT
INSTRUCTIONS THE EMBASSY HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER
AT HIGH GUB LEVELS. WE HOPE THAT THE BURMESE WILL RESPOND
TO OUR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 137599

ACTIONS, SUCH AS KEEPING PRESSURE ON BORDER REFINERIES,
TO THE EXTENT THEIR RESOURCES PERMIT. WE BELIEVE THAT
YOUR TALKS THERE AND OUR TALKS HERE (WITH U TIN LAT)
HAVE MADE GUB AWARE OF WHAT WE REQUIRE AS TO END-USE
ACCOUNTING AND THAT THE LETTER WILL SPELL OUT DETAILS.
GUB IS CERTAINLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO NARCOTICS
CONTROL. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE TO GIVE
THEM REASONABLE TIME (BY BURMESE STANDARDS) TO REPLY TO
OUR REPRESENTATIONS.

F. OUR OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO THE 1974 AGREEMENT IS
INTENTIONAL. THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT REQUIRE END-USE
REPORTING BY THE GUB, BUT RATHER "NECESSARY INFORMATION
ON THE SPECIFIC EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN". WE BELIEVE THE
BURMESE WOULD INTERPRET THIS PROVISION AS IT READS, AND
ASSUME THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF GUB
ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES, WHICH THEY HAVE DONE. EVEN SO,
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION HAS DEVELOPED ON A MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL BASIS AS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE AGREEMENT. IT IS
ON THIS LATTER BASIS THAT WE BELIEVED OUR REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE. HOWEVER, WE DEFER
TO THE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT AS TO THE MORE SUCCESSFUL INDUCE-

MENT.

G. THE TIME PERIOD FOR THE INITIAL REPORT WAS LEFT VAGUE IN ORDER TO GIVE THE BURMESE AND THE EMBASSY SOME FLEXIBILITY. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY PREFERS, THE LETTER MAY BE REVISED BY INSERTING IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH AFTER THE WORD "DATA" AND BEFORE THE WORD "CONCERNING" THE FOLLOWING PHRASE QUOTE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR UNQUOTE. THE FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT WOULD ACCORDINGLY COVER THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUERIES. CHRISTOPHER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NARCOTICS, AIRCRAFT
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 may 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE137599
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DLFIELD:EVC
Enclosure: X2 IS A DOWNGRADE CODE ALSO
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780228-0169
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978052/aaaaabfd.tel
Line Count: 128
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 56bdba96-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 RANGOON 1927, 78 STATE 132712, 78 RANGOON 1808
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2571013
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NARCOTICS: UTILIZATION OF INC-PROVIDED AIRCRAFT
TAGS: SNAR, BM
To: RANGOON
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/56bdba96-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014